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BULGARIA MUST CHOOSE HER COURSE, WAR OR NEUTRALITY

DECISION OF BULGARIA WILL BE MADE KNOWN TODAY, HOUR FOR MAKING PUBLIC HER DECISION RESTING WITH THE CENSORS.

There appears to be a marked difference of opinion and many believe Bulgarians will not enter war on side of the Teutons, even if King and Cabinet should so decide—Russia appears to have promptly taken up the German challenge—Mackensen moving forces of quarter of million men from Russian front to Serbian frontier, where he expects to repeat Phalanx movements which cleared Galicia of the Russians—Russia's ultimatum to Bulgaria will expire today—Athens says concentration of the Bulgarian army has begun—Landing of allied troops at Saloniki indicates Greece's future course.

London Oct. 4.—Bulgaria must make her choice today for open alliance with the central powers or for neutrality. When the decision will be made known publicly, rests with the censors, but delay is regarded as unlikely.

There is a marked division of opinion here as to which side the king and premier will choose. Some say, the Bulgarian people will not fight, even though the government choose to do so.

Cabinet reports say that Russia has promptly taken up the German challenge, and that Mackensen has moved his forces from the Russian to the Serbian frontier, with a quarter of a million troops. He is said to be ready to repeat the phalanx movements which cleared Galicia of the Russians.

Bulgarians Army Concentrating
Paris, Oct. 4.—The concentration of the Bulgarian army has begun says an Athens dispatch, which asserts that the information is authoritative.

Greek Sure to Enter War
Athens, Greece, Oct. 4.—A Greek official organ says that all doubt as to Greece's entering the war on the side of the entente allies has now been disposed of. It says that the landing of the French troops at Saloniki recently was for the purpose of assisting the Greeks.

Deny German Assistance
Sofia, Oct. 4.—It is formally denied that German officers have taken control of the military affairs of Bulgaria and that Germany is supplying Bulgaria with arms.

DAMAGING TO TAGGART.

Witness Testifies Taggart Handed Him Roll of Bills.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 4.—One witness in the election conspiracy trials said today that Thomas Taggart handed him a roll of money on election day. The witness was former assistant Police Chief Nugent, who pleaded guilty at Terre Haute.

JUDGE FRYE, GUILTY.

The Jury Returns Verdict of Guilty Against Former Judge.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Oct. 4.—The jury in the case of E. W. Frye, former county judge of Young county, on trial for forgery, returned a verdict this morning, after 38 hours' deliberations, finding him guilty and making his punishment two years. The defense will seek a new trial.

FEDERAL COURT CONVENED AND ADJOURNED

Giles A. Penick, secretary to Judge Ralph E. Campbell and E. H. Hubbard, United States Marshal, convened federal court here this morning and immediately adjourned until next Monday when the regular docket will be taken up. Mr. Penick and Mr. Hubbard returned to their home at Muskogee this afternoon.

T. H. Teer of Mart, Tex., who has been in the city to see his brother, John W. Teer, left today for his home.

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., Oct. 4.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and cooler; Thursday fair.

Mrs. M. C. McClain of Purcell is here visiting her son, Chas. McClain.

NEARLY THREE MILLION BALES COTTON GINNED

SECOND GINNING REPORT, ISSUED TODAY, SHOWS OKLAHOMA HAD 2,150 BALES GINNED LAST WEDNESDAY.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The second cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of census bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt, and issued at 10 a. m., today, announced that 2,900,007 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915, has been ginned prior to September 25. This compared with 3,392,752 bales, or 21.3 per cent of the entire crop, ginned prior to September 25 last year, 3,246,655 bales or 23.2 per cent in 1912, and 3,097,271 bales, or 22.3 per cent, in 1911.

Included in the ginnings were 32,000 round bales, compared with 3,204 last year, 26,983 in 1912 and 19,574 in 1911.

Sea Island cotton included numbered 19,000 bales, compared with 13,297 bales to September 25 last year, 10,570 in 1912 and 3,051 bales in 1911.

Ginnings prior to September 25, by states, with comparisons for the last three years and the percentage of the entire crop ginned in those states prior to that date in the same years, follow:

ALABAMA—1915 309,676; 1914 392,217; 1913 325,735; 1912 192,316.
ARKANSAS—1915 60,857; 1914 99,247; 1913 70,086; 1912 4,138.
FLORIDA—1915 19,000; 1914 25,579; 1913 36,367; 1912 9,770.
GEORGIA—1915 715,927; 1914 768,095; 1913 491,511; 1912 272,335.
LOUISIANA—1915 114,356; 1914 95,119; 1913 77,865; 1912 73,992.
MISSISSIPPI—1915 179,986; 1914 163,298; 1913 129,593; 1912 57,393.
NORTH CAROLINA—1915 82,918; 1914 84,517; 1913 49,952; 1912 161,683.
OKLAHOMA—1915 2,150; 1914 194,154; 1913 118,979; 1912 77,394.
SOUTH CAROLINA—1915 259,979; 1914 363,794; 1913 193,318; 1912 174,251.
TENNESSEE—1915 9,143; 1914 16,022; 1913 18,359; 1912 690.
TEXAS—1915 1,143,486; 1914 1,334,342; 1913 1,737,639; 1912 2,002,975.
ALL OTHER STATES—1915 3,362,191; 1914 3,258; 1913 3,251; 1912 2,740.

The next ginning report of the census bureau will be issued at 10 a. m. October 25 and will show the quantity of cotton ginned prior to October 11.

LOAN NEARING COMPLETION.

Morgan & Company Announce No Subscriptions Taken After Tomorrow.

New York, Oct. 4.—Morgan & company made an important announcement today regarding the allies' loan, to the effect that no subscriptions will be received after 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. This is taken to mean that the loan is assured.

LOPEZ TAKES OVER COMMAND

REPLACED GENERAL NAFARRATE AS MEXICAN BORDER COMMANDER AT MATAMOROS.

PRIVATE IS KILLED

Murdered Body of Private Patrick Sullivan Found in Water Near the River Bank Near Fort Brownsville This Morning.

Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 4.—General Eugenio Lopez, succeeding General Nafarrate, as Matamoros commander assumed charge of his duties today. He brought three hundred of his own troops with him.

American Private Killed.

Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 4.—The murdered body of Private Patrick L. Sullivan was found this morning in the water near the river bank, a short distance from Fort Brownsville. Sullivan had been hit on the head with some blunt instrument.

Robbery is believed to have been the motive, as he was said to have had considerable money. He was last seen alive about seven o'clock. There is no clue as to the murderer. Sullivan was 35 years of age.

NEGRO SHOT NORTHEAST OF THE CITY

SANDY ELLIOT SHOTS SAM LEE THREE TIMES, WHO HE CLAIMS HAD WRONGED HIS CRIPPLED DAUGHTER. NEGRO WILL DIE.

Sandy Elliot, a negro farmer living fourteen miles northeast of the city on Caddo creek, shot and probably fatally wounded Sam Lee, another negro, who, it is alleged, wronged the crippled daughter of Elliot.

Elliot has always been a good reputation, and the neighbors testify that in all probability he did the proper thing.

County Attorney Hardy investigated the matter yesterday and stated when Lee's condition was determined the preliminary hearing would be held. The county attorney was of the opinion that Lee would die as he was hit three times with heavy bullets and was in a very critical condition.

Visitor from Kowa.

R. L. Jordan was here today from Kowa en route to Marietta on a business trip. He heard of the Ardmore disaster within a few hours after it occurred and at once called the Ardmoreite to learn of the extent of the ruin. He says the press reports could not describe it and the conditions are worse than he expected to find them.

ARABIC NOTE NOT SPECIFIC

PRESIDENT WILSON AND CABINET MEMBERS HOLD GERMAN NOTE IS NOT CLEAR ENOUGH.

PAST CRITICAL POINT

Although German Note is Not Satisfactory to the American Officials, They Do Not Consider the Situation Critical.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Although Germany's new note on the Arabic is not satisfactory, the situation is not considered critical, it was stated on high authority today.

The view held by President Wilson and the state department on the note is that it is not specific enough on the points insisted by President Wilson. These are the disavowal of the sinking and the assurance that it will not be repeated.

Shipped Remains.

The remains of W. N. Naylor who suicided Saturday night at the Hill Sanitarium were shipped to McGregor, Texas, for burial.

RENDERED AID DURING GREAT DISASTER

MARIETTA PEOPLE WHO WERE EARLY ON SCENE, WORKED WITH A WILL TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Rose of Marietta spent Sunday in Ardmore. Mr. Rose is connected with the Pioneer Telephone company at Marietta, and he, with Mrs. Rose, were among the first on the scene in Ardmore after the disaster of a week ago, coming in on a special from Marietta. Mr. Rose gave a graphic description of the scene at the telephone switchboard in Marietta when it was discovered that the wires were down and connection with Ardmore ceased. Persons for miles around heard and felt the explosion and saw the dense volumes of smoke over Ardmore, and hundreds of frantic calls came in for hours.

As soon as an engine could be unhooked from a train that was then at Marietta, a caboose was coupled on and doctors and nurses started for Ardmore. Mr. Rose came along and rendered assistance to the telephone company here, and Mrs. Rose was among the nurses who rendered aid to the sufferers all through that memorable night.

BEST NEWS PEOPLE OF ARDMORE HAVE RECEIVED

RAILWAY OFFICIALS WANT TO DEAL JUSTLY WITH THE CITIZENS OF THE STRICKEN CITY AS ATTESTED BY TELEGRAM.

The Best News Received by the Citizens of this City Since the Great Disaster of a Week ago, was Made Known this Afternoon in the Following Telegram to Mayor Mullen from Hon. E. P. Ripley, President of the Santa Fe System. The Telegram Needs no Comment.

CONDITION OF COTTON CROP IS VERY LOW

GOVERNMENT REPORT SAYS CONDITION OF CROP ON SEPTEMBER 25 ONLY SIXTY PER CENT OF NORMAL.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The condition of the cotton crop of the United States on September 25 was 60.8 per cent of a normal, compared with 89.2 per cent on August 25, 73.5 last year, 64.1 in 1912, and 68.3 per cent, the average of the past ten years, on September 25. That announcement was made at noon today by the crop reporting board of the United States department of agriculture, in its final condition report of the season.

The September 25 condition indicates a yield of 168 pounds of lint per acre, which, applied to the planted acreage, less the average abandonment, indicates a total of 10,950,399 equivalent 500-pound bales, compared with 16,135,000 bales ginned last year. Final results probably will be above or below the amount indicated according as conditions after September 25 are better or worse than average.

Comparisons by states on September 25 1914 and 1915, follow:

VIRGINIA—1915 80; 1914 80.
NORTH CAROLINA—1915 70; 1914 79.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1915 63; 1914 72.

GEORGIA—1915 61; 1914 81.

FLORIDA—1915 62; 1914 81.

ALABAMA—1915 57; 1914 78.

MISSISSIPPI—1915 62; 1914 48.

LOUISIANA—1915 60; 1914 67.

TEXAS—1915 57; 1914 70.

ARKANSAS—1915 63; 1914 69.

TENNESSEE—1915 71; 1914 70.

MISSOURI—1915 72; 1914 72.

OKLAHOMA—1915 63; 1914 80.

CALIFORNIA—1915 95; 1914 96.

The crop reporting board's final estimate of the size of this year's crop will be announced Friday, Dec. 10, at 2 p. m.

Indian Girl Gets \$50,000

Sapulpa, Okla., Oct. 4.—Katie Fixico, the Indian girl whose allotment in the Cushing field is said to be worth more than a million dollars and who has received hundreds of offers of marriage, was paid \$50,000 in cash Saturday morning by two oil companies operating on the allotment. The payment was the result of a settlement of a cancellation suit.

Dr. Potter Injured.

Dr. John W. Potter was among those whose injuries were dressed at the hospital. He was driving a car on A street where ropes had been stretched, and the rope came in contact with the windshield of his car, breaking it and cutting both hands and inflicting a serious cut on the scalp. He bled profusely, but was not seriously injured.

With the Sick.

Mrs. A. B. Mayhew who has been ill for some time, is reported to be in a serious condition today.

Foster Improving.

H. E. Foster, who received injuries while delivering ice to the hospital following the disaster, is reported to be doing well and hopes to be on the street again within a few days.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 4, 1915.

HON. VAL MULLEN, Mayor, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

"During its entire life the Santa Fe has never declined to pay any just claim, and in the face of the terrible calamity which has overtaken the people of Ardmore, I am not disposed to await the judgment of the courts upon the liability of the railway company."

"I therefore propose that a careful investigation of claims for death, personal injury and property be entered upon by the committee of your citizens which you have appointed and that a statement be prepared and submitted to us with a view to prompt adjustment of such claims in cash upon a reasonable basis. Mr. Pettibone will see you Wednesday to confer as to details."

"E. P. RIPLEY."

NOTICE

The Santa Fe Railroad company has signified its willingness to compensate the people of Ardmore for the loss sustained in the recent disaster. This company has likewise furnished a number of tarpaulins for the purpose of protecting property that has been exposed to the elements by reason of the explosion. Those who have property thus jeopardized should produce these tarpaulins and protect the property from further damage. The tarpaulins are being furnished without cost to those who wish to use them, and parties taking advantage of this offer on the part of the Santa Fe Railroad company WILL IN NO WISE JEOPARDIZE THEIR CLAIM FOR DAMAGES, BUT IT IS THEIR DUTY TO, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, PROTECT THEIR PROPERTY FROM FURTHER DAMAGE.

VAL MULLEN, Mayor.

TEXAS BANK ROBBERED.

Keller, Tarrant County, Bank Robbed of Eight Thousand Dollars.

Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 4.—Keller Tarrant County State Bank was robbed of eight thousand dollars this morning at 6:00 o'clock. The cashier was slugged and locked in the vault. The bandits escaped in automobiles. They had not been captured late today.

Gas Kills Farmer

Chickasha, Okla., Oct. 4.—Lincoln Bennett died Saturday from the effects of gas in a well thirty-two feet deep, which Bennett was digging on his farm ten miles west of Chickasha. Bennett from the bottom of the well called to assistants at the mouth of the well to draw him to the top. As the rope ascended, Bennett fell back in the well. Thirty minutes later Bennett's dead body was brought to the surface by means of grappling hooks.

LeSURES WRITE LETTER

Their Sympathies Are With Ardmore People.

In a letter to The Ardmoreite from their home in San Diego, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. L. C. LeSures extend their deepest sympathy to the people of Ardmore in their affliction, and offer aid in case of the need of outside assistance. Mr. and Mrs. LeSures formerly resided in Ardmore, and have a host of friends in the city.

The LeSures make it a point to entertain all persons who visit San Diego from Ardmore at their home, and expressed regret that they missed seeing their old friend, Sidney Sugan, who was in their city when word of the terrible disaster was received.

Ingram Henry has been sick for the past week with an attack of fever.

The Souvenir Booklet of the Ardmore Disaster

Is now ready for distribution.

24 pages on heavy book paper, profusely illustrated with scenes taken immediately after the explosion, the majority within thirty minutes.

Send one to your friends, and buy one for yourself.

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